

# UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION REPORT

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STRUCTURE NO. 01506  
CSAH NO. 1  
OVER THE  
MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
DISTRICT 3 - AITKIN COUNTY

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PREPARED FOR THE  
MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BY  
COLLINS ENGINEERS, INC.  
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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION

REPORT SUMMARY:

The substructure units inspected at Bridge No. 01506, Piers 2 and 3, were found to be generally in good condition with no defects of structural significance observed. The steel piles exhibited light surface corrosion with minor section loss. There was a heavy accumulation of timber debris at the upstream nose and throughout both piers. The channel bottom around the substructure units was well established and appeared stable with no evidence of significant scour and no appreciable changes since the previous inspection.

INSPECTION FINDINGS:

- (A) The steel pipe piles exhibited 100 percent coating failure with light corrosion and minor rust nodules with up to 1/8 inch deep pitting (1/16 inch penetration typical) over 50 percent of the surface area from 6 feet above the waterline to the channel bottom.
- (B) The steel pipe piles at Pier 3 exhibited 1/16 inch surface delamination due to corrosion from 3 below the waterline to the channel bottom.
- (C) A heavy accumulation of timber debris, consisting of 4-inch to 2-foot-diameter logs and branches, was observed at the upstream end and throughout the piles of both piers extending from the channel bottom to the waterline.

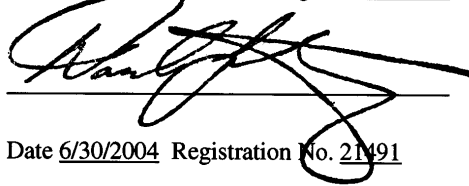
RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (A) Remove timber debris from around the piles at Piers 2 and 3 during routine bridge maintenance, to eliminate excessive lateral loads on piers and the potential for scour.

- (B) Reinspect the submerged substructure units at the normal maximum recommended (NBIS) interval of five (5) years.

I hereby certify that this plan, specification, or report was prepared by me or under my direct supervision and that I am a duly Licensed Professional Engineer under the laws of the State of Minnesota.

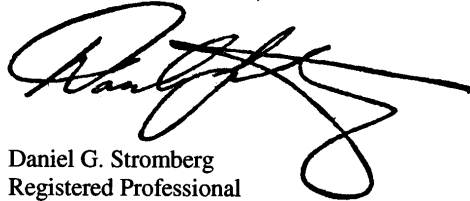
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Respectfully submitted,

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UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION

1. BRIDGE DATA

Bridge Number: 01506

Feature Crossed: The Mississippi River

Feature Carried: CSAH No. 1

Location: District 3 - Aitkin County

Bridge Description: The superstructure consists of five prestressed concrete beam simple spans. The superstructure is supported by two reinforced concrete abutments and four steel pipe pile piers with reinforced concrete caps. The abutments are also supported by steel pipe piles. The piers are labeled Pier 1 through 4 starting from the south end of the bridge.

2. INSPECTION DATA

Professional Engineer/Team Leader: Shirley M. Walker, P.E.

Dive Team: Michelle D. Koerbel, Clayton G. Brookins

Date: September 26, 2002

Weather Conditions: Sunny, " 50E F

Underwater Visibility: " 2 Feet

Waterway Velocity: " 2 f.p.s.

3. SUBSTRUCTURE INSPECTION DATA

Substructure Inspected: Piers 2 and 3

General Shape: Pier 2 consists of a single line of 8 piles. Pier 3 consists of two lines of 5 piles each.

Maximum Water Depth at Substructure Inspected: Approximately 14 feet.

4. WATERLINE DATUM

Water Level Reference: Top of the pile cap at the downstream end of Pier 3.

Water Surface: The waterline was approximately 19.2 Feet below reference.  
Waterline Elevation = 1187.1.

5. NBIS CODING INFORMATION (Minnesota specific codes are used for 92B and 113)

Item 60: Substructure: Code 7

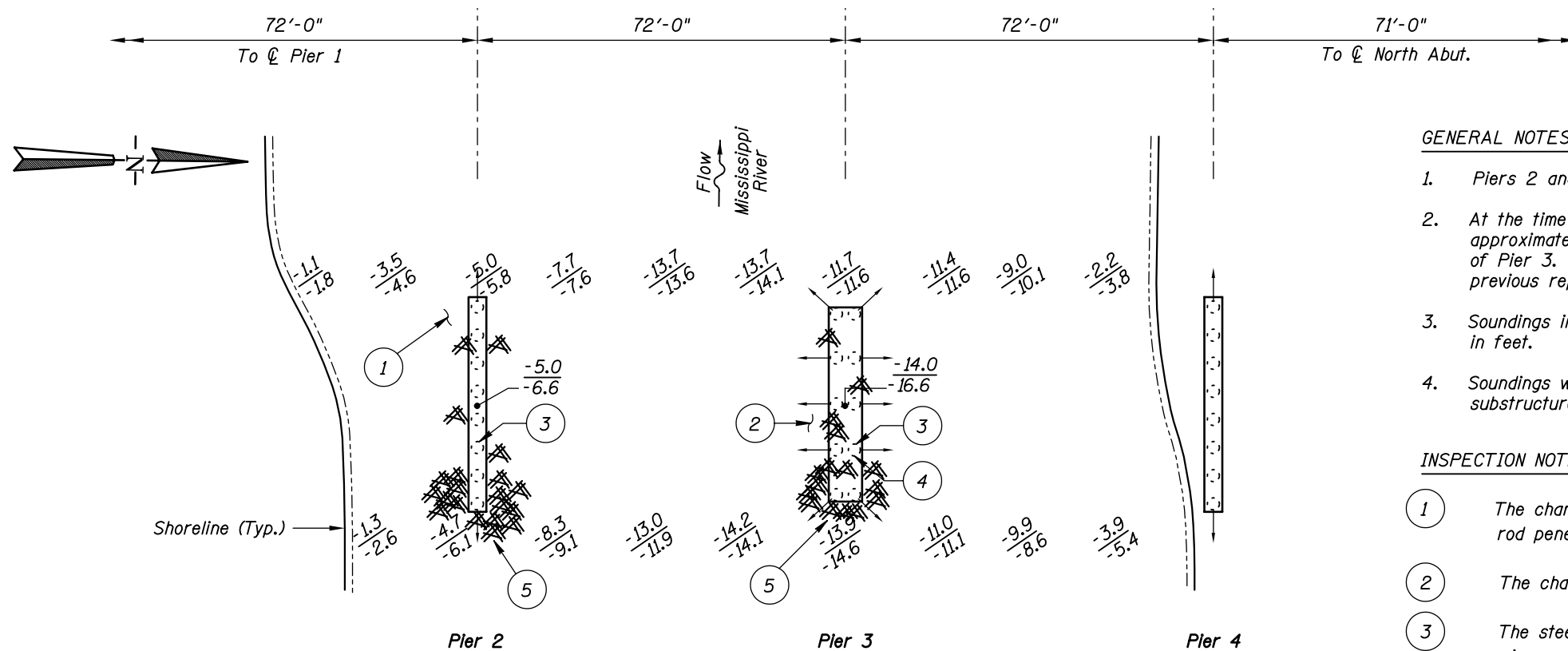
Item 61: Channel and Channel Protection: Code 6

Item 92B: Underwater Inspection: Code B/09/02

Item 113: Scour Critical Bridges: Code I/90

Bridge is scour critical because abutment or pier foundation is rated as unstable due to observed scour at bridge site.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes   X   No



#### GENERAL NOTES:

- Piers 2 and 3 were inspected underwater.
- At the time of inspection on September 26, 2002, the waterline was located approximately 19.2 feet below the top of the pile cap at the downstream end of Pier 3. This corresponds to a waterline elevation of 1187.1 based on the previous report dated August 27, 1997.
- Soundings indicate the water depth at the time of inspection and are measured in feet.
- Soundings were taken parallel to the bridge at 1/4 point intervals between the substructure units.

#### INSPECTION NOTES:

- The channel bottom consisted of silty sand with 6 to 8 inches of probe rod penetration.
- The channel bottom consisted of gravely sand with 4 inches of probe rod penetration.
- The steel pipe piles exhibited 100 percent coating failure with light corrosion and minor rust nodules with up to 1/8 inch of pitting (1/8 inch typical) over 50 percent of the surface area from 6 feet above the waterline to the channel bottom.
- The steel pipe piles at Pier 3 exhibited 1/16 inch surface delamination due to corrosion from 3 below the waterline to the channel bottom.
- A heavy accumulation of timber debris, consisting of 4-inch to 2-foot-diameter logs and branches, was observed at the upstream end and throughout the piles from the channel bottom to the waterline.

#### Legend

- 2.0 Sounding Depth from Waterline (9/26/02)  
-5.2 Sounding Depth from Waterline (8/27/97)
- Steel Pile
- Battered Steel Pile
- Timber Debris

TYPICAL END VIEW  
OF PIERS 1, 2 & 3

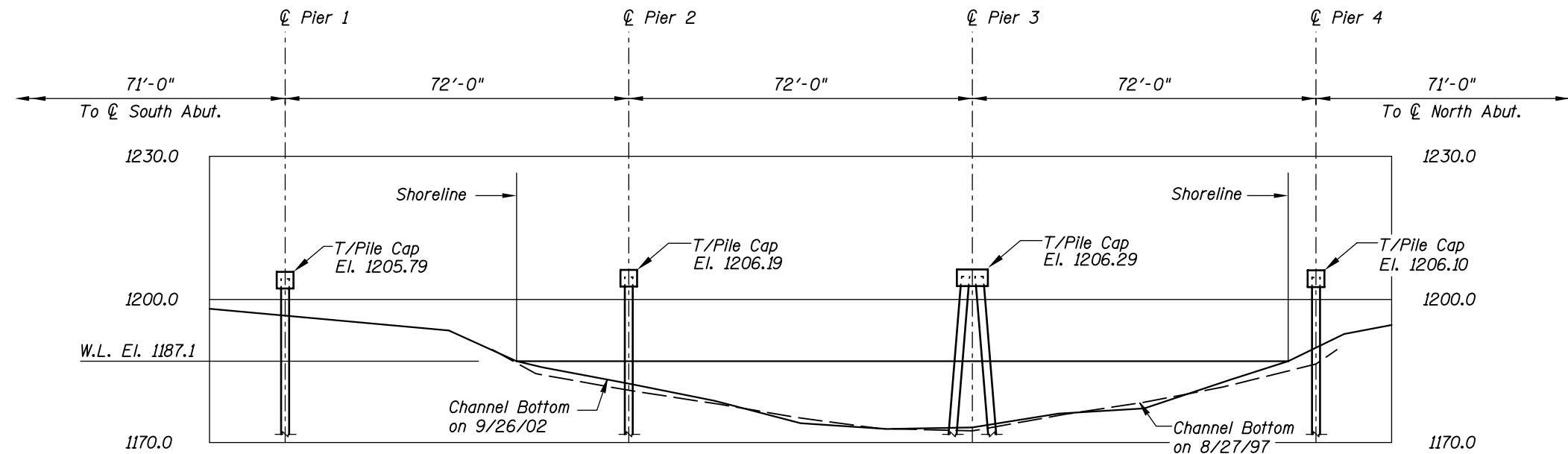
END VIEW OF PIER 3

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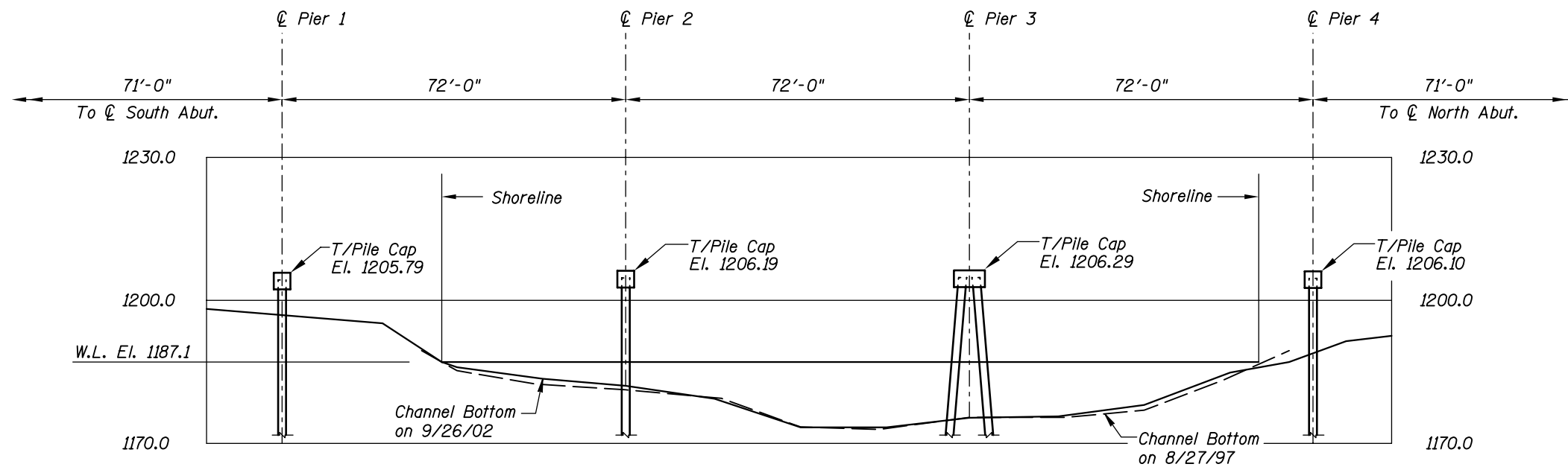
STRUCTURE NO. 01506  
OVER THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
DISTRICT 3, AITKIN COUNTY

#### INSPECTION AND SOUNDING PLAN

Drawn By: PRH	<b>COLLINS ENGINEERS, INC.</b>	Date: SEPT. 2002
Checked By: MDK	300 W. WASHINGTON, STE. 600 CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606 (312) 704-9300	Scale: NTS
Code: 35120068		Figure No.: 1




UPSTREAM FASCIA PROFILE



DOWNSTREAM FASCIA PROFILE

Note:  
Refer to Figure 1 for General Notes.

<b>MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION UNDERWATER BRIDGE INSPECTION</b>		
STRUCTURE NO. 01506 OVER THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER DISTRICT 3, AITKIN COUNTY <b>UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM FASCIA PROFILES</b>		
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Photograph 1. Overall View of Structure, Looking West.



Photograph 2. View of Pier 2, Looking Southwest.





Photograph 3. View of Pier 3, Looking Southwest.



Photograph 4. View of Pier 4, Looking Northeast.

MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
OFFICE OF BRIDGES AND STRUCTURES  
DAILY DIVING REPORT

INSPECTORS: Collins Engineers, Inc.                      DATE: September 26, 2002  
ON-SITE TEAM LEADER: Shirley M. Walker, P.E.  
BRIDGE NO: 01506    WEATHER: Sunny, " 50E F  
WATERWAY CROSSED: The Mississippi River  
DIVING OPERATION:    X            SCUBA                      SURFACE SUPPLIED AIR  
   OTHER

PERSONNEL: Michelle D. Koerbel, Clayton G. Brookings  
EQUIPMENT: Scuba, U/W Light, Scraper, Lead Line, Sounding Pole, Probe Rod, Camera  
TIME IN WATER: 12:10 P. M.  
TIME OUT OF WATER: 12:50 P.M.  
WATERWAY DATA: VELOCITY " 2 f.p.s.  
   VISIBILIEY " 2feet  
   DEPTH 14 feet maximum at Pier 3

ELEMENTS INSPECTED: Piers 2 and 3

REMARKS: Overall, the steel pipe piles were in good to satisfactory condition with 100 percent coating failure with light corrosion, minor rust nodules and up to 1/8 inch of pitting over 50 percent of the surface area from 6 feet above the waterline to the channel bottom. From 3 feet below the waterline to the channel bottom the corrosion on the steel piles at Pier 3 included 1/16 inch surface rust delamination. A heavy accumulation of timber debris, consisting of 4-inch to 2-foot-diameter logs and branches, was observed at the upstream end and throughout the piles of both piers extending from the channel bottom to the waterline.

FURTHER ACTION NEEDED:      X   YES               NO

Remove timber debris from around the piles at Piers 2 and 3 during routine bridge maintenance, to eliminate excessive lateral loads on piers and to restrict potential for scour.

Reinspect the submerged substructure units at the normal maximum recommended (NBIS) interval of five (5) years.

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UNDERWATER INSPECTION CONDITION RATING FORM

BRIDGE NO. 01506  
INSPECTORS Collins Engineers, Inc.  
ON-SITE TEAM LEADER Shirley M. Walker, P.E.  
WATERWAY CROSSED The Mississippi River

INSPECTION DATE September 26, 2002

NOTE: USE ALL APPLICABLE CONDITION  
DEFINITIONS AS DEFINED IN THE MINNESOTA  
RECORDING AND CODING GUIDE INCLUDING  
GENERAL, SUBSTRUCTURE, CHANNEL AND  
PROTECTION, AND CULVERTS AND WALL  
DEFINITIONS TO COMPLETE THIS FORM.

CONDITION RATING

UNIT REFERENCE NO.	UNIT DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM DEPTH OF WATER	SUBSTRUCTURE						CHANNEL					GENERAL					
			PILING	COLUMNS, SHAFTS, OR FACES*	FOOTINGS	DISPLACEMENT	OTHER	OVERALL SUBSTRUCTURE CONDITION CODE*	SCOUR	EMBANKMENT EROSION	EMBANKMENT PROTECTION	OTHER (DRIFT/DEBRIS)	OVERALL CHANNEL & PROTECTION CONDITION	CONCRETE	STEEL	TIMBER	LOSS OF SECTION	PREVIOUS REPAIR OR MAINTENANCE	OTHER
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
	Pier 2	5.0'	7	N	N	9	N	7	8	N	N	6	6	N	7	N	8	N	N
	Pier 3	14.0'	6	N	N	9	N	6	8	N	N	6	6	N	6	N	8	N	N

\*UNDERWATER PORTION ONLY

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NOTES: ATTACH SKETCHES AS NEEDED, IDENTIFY REMARK BY REFERRING TO UNIT REFERENCE NO. AND REMARK NO.  
USE GENERAL SECTION TO IDENTIFY OVERALL PRESENCE OF SPALLS, CRACKS, CORROSION, ETC.